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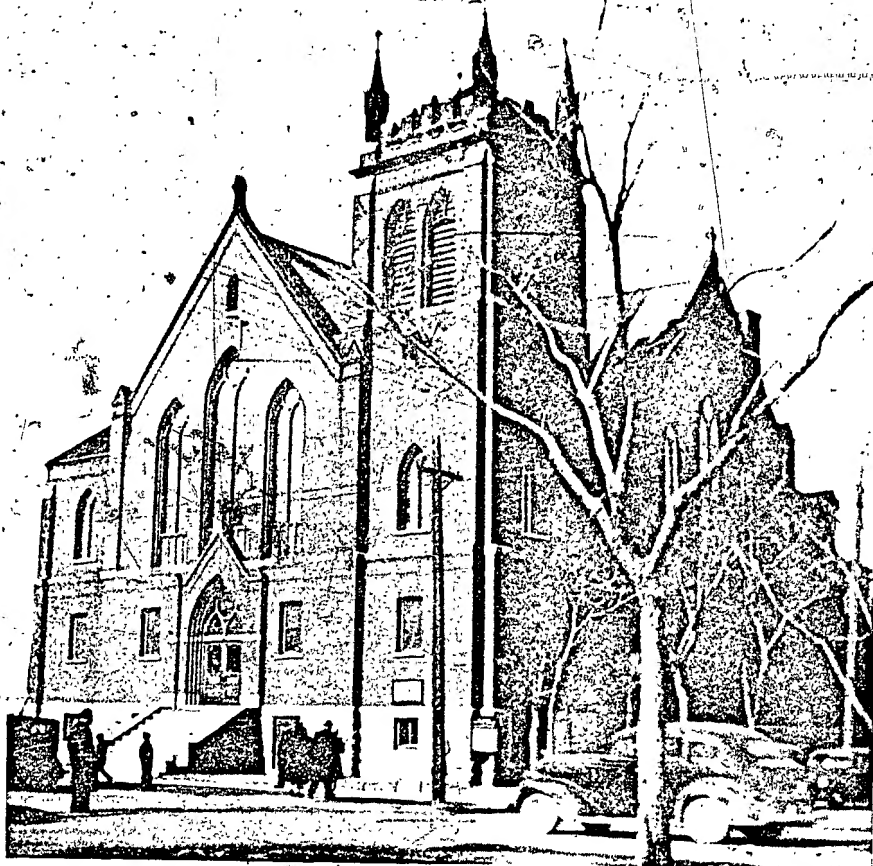
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Throughout this Diamond Jubilee celebration we are ever conscious of the absence of our members in the Armed Forces. We salute you and send heartiest greetings and good wishes. How happy we would have been to have had you here. We are not unmindful of the great sacrifice you are making for everyone, and the separation you are enduring from home and loved ones. We hope and pray that the time of your return will not be too long delayed. The members and adherents of St. Giles have struggled hard this year to have the church free of debt when you return. That end, under God, has been happily attained and a warm welcome awaits you at your home church.

St. Giles Honour Roll

Adair, John H.	Crisdale, Alan C.	Mackenzie, Harry
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Clift, Harold E.	Lloyd, Henry	Shorton, Harold
Conklin, John G.	Lloyd, Kenneth	Sinclair, Donald S.
Conklin, Verona	Linklater, Lawrence	Smith, W. Duncan
*Crawford, John	*MacDonald, J. E.	Stevenson, Robt. R.
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Dart, Andrew S.	McKay, S. James	Unger, Edward
Davis, Everard	McKay, William A.	Wales, James W.
Donald, Wm. N.	McKenzie, Doug.	White, Thomas J.
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Eisler, H. Douglas	McKinley, James	Wilson, William B.
Eisler, Wm. J.	McLean, Gordon	Winick, Janet
*Fraser, Roy	McMurdy, Allen J.	Workman, Willard D.
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Fraser, James	McPherson, H. A.	Wolinis, Donald
Fraser, Robert J.	Moody, Buddy	*Yonker, Zenon
Garbutt, Victor M.	Moody, Roy	
Garrow, Douglas C.	Mowat, Jack	
Gilson, Campbell H.	Mowat, Norman	

* Died in Service

† Missing

‡ Prisoner of War

Inspiring Story of St. Giles

LIKE many other institutions which have had great influence on the community life in the district in which they are located, St. Giles United Church had a small beginning. Back in the early days of Winnipeg, Presbyterian families were widely scattered. There were many of them, but in the northern part of the city they lived on the prairies at some distance from one another. The Canadian Pacific Railway divided them from the older part of Winnipeg. So prayer meetings were held in homes until these became so largely attended that a desire to organize a congregation became a pressing necessity and so St. Giles congregation was born.

It was in 1884 that the first call came to the little band of devoted people. The first meeting was in an empty building, at Main Street and Burrows Avenue, the structure still standing, when a decision was reached to form the North Presbyterian Mission. It was a success from the start. Soon a larger building was secured farther north. This mission did not organize as a Sunday school but with morning and evening worship, and an afternoon Sunday school. In their Sunday gatherings the congregation was given loyal assistance from students of Manitoba College, who took a deep interest in the welfare of the mission and never faltered in providing spiritual guidance from the pulpit.

Members were steadily being added and one year later a church building was erected on a site secured on Selkirk Avenue, and in 1891 the wooden structure proving to be too small, the first brick church was built and the name of the congregation changed from the "North Presbyterian" to the more imposing title of "St. Giles." The congregation flourished and additions had to be made to the front and to the rear and a small gallery placed at the rear. This brought the seating accommodation up to 600.

St. Giles ministers in order of their coming and the years they served were as follows: Rev. D. B. Whimster, (clerk of Winnipeg presbytery), from 1884 to 1888, who resigned on March 24, 1888; then presbytery appointed a student from Manitoba College, Norman H.

*We are carrying the torch for those who some day will observe
a century of progress in St. Giles.*

Russell for six months who remained in charge until July, 1889. Then came Rev. John Hogg, who remained with the congregation through its youthful and formative years until 1905, resigning February 22, 1905. Dr. W. A. McLean served in the period, 1906-1928; Rev. H. N. Pearson, 1928-1937; Rev. James McNeill, 1937-40; Rev. W. H. Shaver, 1941-1943; Rev. J. Lawrence Pottruff, July 1, 1943, the present minister.

These ministers who were invited to take charge of the services, temporary and permanent, were all worthy of their calling. Each one did much to strengthen the congregations. The first of these ministers was Rev. D. B. Whimster; he was followed by Rev. Norman H. Russell, then in May, 1890, Rev. John Hogg took over the pastorate. Under his powerful preaching and family visitation the congregation moved ahead, until the resignation of Dr. Hogg, who in the meantime had been honored by Manitoba College with the degree, Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Hogg having been laid aside by illness, Rev. W. A. McLean, of Oak Lake, Man., was inducted as minister of St. Giles on the 13th of July, 1905, and he remained with the congregation for 23 years, during its most glorious period. During his term as pastor, the present edifice was erected on Charles Street and Burrows Avenue.

The corner stone was laid by Principal Patrick of Manitoba College, on July 25, 1907. It contains phonograph records of the principal speeches made on the occasion. The church building was opened for regular service, on March 15, 1908. Rev. D. B. Whimster and Rev. Dr. John Hogg, former pastors, had a part in the opening services. The silver jubilee was held in the spring of 1910. St. Giles led the Presbyterian churches into Union in 1925. The Sunday school expanded until it became the largest in Winnipeg. St. Giles flourished under Dr. McLean as a great missionary church, sending one of its elders, Hugh McKenzie, to the Honan field where he did great service, and returned two years ago. His death occurred in Toronto a little over one year ago.

The period, 1921-24, was the peak years of St. Giles. In 1922 the congregation raised for all purposes \$17,000. The Forward Movement of the church across Canada had been inaugurated. Primarily it was to increase the missionary work of the church and as its contribution St. Giles raised over \$6,000 as its share in a special way. For a number of years St. Giles had been giving \$3,200 to the M. and M.

*We are creating a church fit and worthy of the men and women who will
some day return from service in the armed might of Canada.*

fund, so in one year it doubled its givings to the cause. In 1925 Church Union in Canada became a glorious fact and St. Giles led the way in North Winnipeg among the Presbyterian churches into Union. In that year the women of the congregation raised \$1,000 to redecorate the interior of the edifice.

In 1928 the district around St. Giles began to change; more and more families moved to other parts of the city and the congregation lost some of its most faithful members and devoted workers. Then in June, 1928, like a bolt from the blue, came the resignation of the minister, Dr. McLean, who had accepted a call to Riverview United Church in Winnipeg, and members could not think of St. Giles apart from Dr. McLean. The members farewelled him at many notable occasions with the deepest regret.

There followed the eight years pastorate of Rev. H. M. Pearson, whom the congregation called from Kenora, Ont. In Mr. Pearson's pastorate the Golden Jubilee of the congregation was celebrated in many joyous events and as a commemoration the mortgage debt was reduced by \$6,000. Mr. Pearson gave a splendid ministrations and worked with untiring energy to keep the membership together, until he accepted an invitation to Brant Avenue United Church in Brantford, Ont., in 1936. There he merged two United churches into one and had become an influence for good in city life until his untimely death three years later. In the meantime St. Giles had for three years as minister, Rev. James McNeill, now of Russell, and Rev. W. H. Shaver for two years, when he accepted an invitation to Zion United Church at Moose Jaw, Sask., to minister to the congregation as interim supply during the absence of the regular minister who had been accepted for war services.

In the early summer of 1943 the congregation extended a call to Rev. J. Lawrence Pottruff, of Gladstone, Man. His acceptance has been followed by a new and auspicious growth and development of the church life.

In the year following his induction came the Diamond Jubilee of St. Giles. Plans were so skilfully laid down and so energetically carried out by the membership that the year promises to end in a most favorable way for the welfare of the congregation. The congregation has the highest regard for Mrs. Pottruff, who gives to her husband the helpful support that one looks for in a pastor's wife, and she is

It required courage, energy and faith to carry out the Diamond Jubilee programme but the hope of the years is being fulfilled.

sympathetic with the women in their manifold work in all its branches in the congregation.

The women of St. Giles might be said to be the strongest ally the men have in their managerial duties. Many plans have been put before the ladies, but no matter how great the responsibility or difficulty of attainment, all such work was ultimately brought to a successful conclusion. No congregation ever had greater co-operation between the men and women than is found in St. Giles. On many a precarious hour the women have stepped in and saved the situation.

A Jubilee committee was formed early in the year and its plans have been meeting with brilliant success under the chairmanship of Mr. George W. Swan. The programme planned was a most ambitious one and required the whole-hearted energy of each individual member to carry out. There has been no faltering and it is hoped that early in November the richest blessing will have crowned the work of wiping out the mortgage and arranging for other needed improvements within the edifice. At the beginning of October the sum of \$6,000 had been raised towards the objective of \$8,000 and the members have continued with a determination and a willingness to complete the entire undertaking. The deepening and the widening of the spiritual life of the congregation have also been planned which will strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship within the many organizations of the congregation.

Working within the ranks of the membership is a notable figure, the clerk of the congregation, who fifty-four years ago was appointed by the membership of that day, their congregational clerk and secretary. He is Mr. John S. Mowat, still hale and hearty, able to carry out many important duties as he did in the years long past. Mr. Mowat is still an active elder and manager of St. Giles.

THINGS THAT COUNT

'Tis the human touch in this world that counts,
 The touch of your hand and mine,
 Which means far more to the human heart
 Than shelter and bread and wine.
 For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
 And bread lasts only a day,
 But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
 Sing on in the soul always.

—Spencer M. Free

"The world is in the mood for a new consciousness of God."



REV. J. LAWRENCE POTTRUFF



MRS. J. L. POTTRUFF

St. Giles Looks to the Future

In the Autumn of 1943 plans were laid for the suitable celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of St. Giles. It was then decided that a supreme effort would be made to liquidate the mortgage of the Church. The desire to reduce the mortgage was unanimous. That we might be able to completely wipe it out, all were not quite agreed. But one member said, "if we have faith in God, it can be done!" That was enough. Now it has also been said, "if God be your partner make your plans large." Accordingly we made our plans large. Eight thousand dollars was set as our goal, sufficient to take care of the mortgage and to undertake a program of repair and improvement of the church inside and out.

Through the able leadership of the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. George W. Swan, and the hard work and generous giving of the congregation and all its organizations, as well as valuable assistance from many friends, the mortgage of \$5,750.00 and accrued interest has been paid off. We now have every reason to believe the full financial objective will be reached before the Diamond Jubilee Year draws to a close. We will then face the future with new strength. For there is no doubt that a mortgage is a handicap to

"The way to world peace is the road that no nation can travel alone."

any congregation. There are those who say that a mortgage is a good thing for a congregation. They say it gives incentive to work. But surely such a statement fits only that congregation which lacks a definite program and a clear vision of its task.

What about the future? St. Giles has had a great past over these sixty years. She has contributed so much to the character and spiritual life of the community and this city. No doubt that influence has been felt much farther afield. We honour the memory of the founders of this church and all its faithful ministers and loyal members who have passed on. We believe we can best honour them by being loyal to the faith that made them strong in the midst of their trials as well as their joys, and we view the past to draw inspiration for the future.

The passing of time makes many changes. The area in which St. Giles is situated, while once being predominately Anglo-Saxon, is now quite cosmopolitan. With the coming of new people have come many other church affiliations. The result has been, after a period of time, a reduction in the membership of St. Giles. But we believe that decline has been definitely arrested and that the tide has turned. In the past eleven months several new members have been received and quite a large class is now being prepared for reception at our next Communion. A number of new families in the past year have made St. Giles their church home.

We not only open the doors of our church to all people of the community but we must go farther and open the doors of our hearts to all who are ready to worship and work with us. My thought and feeling in this matter are best described in a verse from Geo. W. Wiseman's poem, "What Our Church Should Be;"

Our church should be a friendly place,
Where men from every class or race
Would feel at home, and know that they
Were welcomed in a Christ-like way.

The district is teeming with people. We dare not wait for many of them to find us. We must go out to them. With our mortgage lifted, for which we thank God, we hope to march forward in 1945 with a program not only to repair and renovate our church building but also with a program for thorough visitation of our district. We shall endeavour to bring into line our whole church organization to increasingly serve the community, its children, its youth, its men and women and their homes. With this willingness to explore new ways and means to best serve, Livingstone's motto is appropriate as St. Giles looks to the future and a new chapter, "Anywhere, provided it be forward."

—J. L. POTTRUFF

"Religion may cost, but irreligion costs more."

Women's Work

In looking over the records one marvels at the accomplishments of so few women. They have moved forward with the times, the former "Ladies Aid" became the present "Women's Association"—absorbing a very flourishing Mothers Club—and through its circle system they have interested every woman in the congregation. With unusual vision they have held the interest of the young people by having them put on Plays, Musicals and Light Opera.

By keeping the furnishings in good repair they have retained the beauty of our church.

When refreshments are desired they can be relied upon to provide the best.

Probably their greatest contribution is the visiting done by them in home and hospital and the help given to needy women and children at home and abroad.

Their study of Missions makes them aware of the need for understanding leadership in the Mission Band and C.G.I.T., which is their direct responsibility.

Throughout the years their financial aid has been one of the reliable sources of income for the Board of Stewards.

The annual Fall Fair of the women of the church will be held on November 16th, afternoon and evening, with the congregational dinner at 6:15 p.m. This is the women's tribute to the Jubilee fund, the summing up of almost a year of steady and earnest endeavor.

The two weeks' programme in November will close on Sunday, November 19th, with a Communion service when the congregation will offer their thanksgiving for all the blessings which have attended St. Giles during the year.

"A PRAYER"

Lord, let not my religion be
 A thing of selfish ecstasy,
 But something warm with tender care
 And fellowship which I can share
 Let me not walk the other side
 Of trouble's highway long and wide;
 Make me a Good Samaritan,
 A neighbor unto every man

—Clarence Burkholder

"For what avail the plow or soil, or land, or life, if freedom fails?"

Diamond Jubilee Campaign



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It would be difficult to tell of the loyalty and generosity of the members and friends without seeming to exaggerate, so the facts must speak for themselves. Contributions have been received up to October 31st, from 175 members and friends. Cheques reached the Committee from England, Italy, Halifax and Vancouver. Children brought War Savings Stamps; quite a number of War Savings Certificates were turned in, and a good number of Victory Bonds were used for the double purpose of helping to win the war and liquidate the church debt at the same time.

Please send this Booklet to as many of your friends as may be interested in our Diamond Jubilee.

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Contributions from individual members averaged \$30.00 each and when it is realized that the largest single subscription received was for \$200.00 the attainment of such a splendid result is a remarkable achievement.

The Committee planned a Budget at the beginning of the campaign and included therein an allocation for each organization of the church. While the results are not yet complete it can be forecast with reasonable assurance that the whole allocation will be met and in some cases exceeded.

Name of Organization	Quota attained to October 31, 1944
Caroline McDonald Auxiliary	100%
Bowling Club	151%
Young People's Union	100%
Choir	100%
Sunday School	110%
Session and Board of Stewards	78%
Women's Association and Women's Missionary Society (approximately)	60%

(Allocation will not be completed until after Fall Fair)

A novel idea under the name of the "Tenner Club" was started under the direction of Mr. John Ketchin and Mr. S. S. McKenzie. The plan was in a word, "Ten Cents to get in and Ten Dollars to get out." So far this has netted the Jubilee Fund over \$600.00 and there are still some members who will be reporting at an early date.

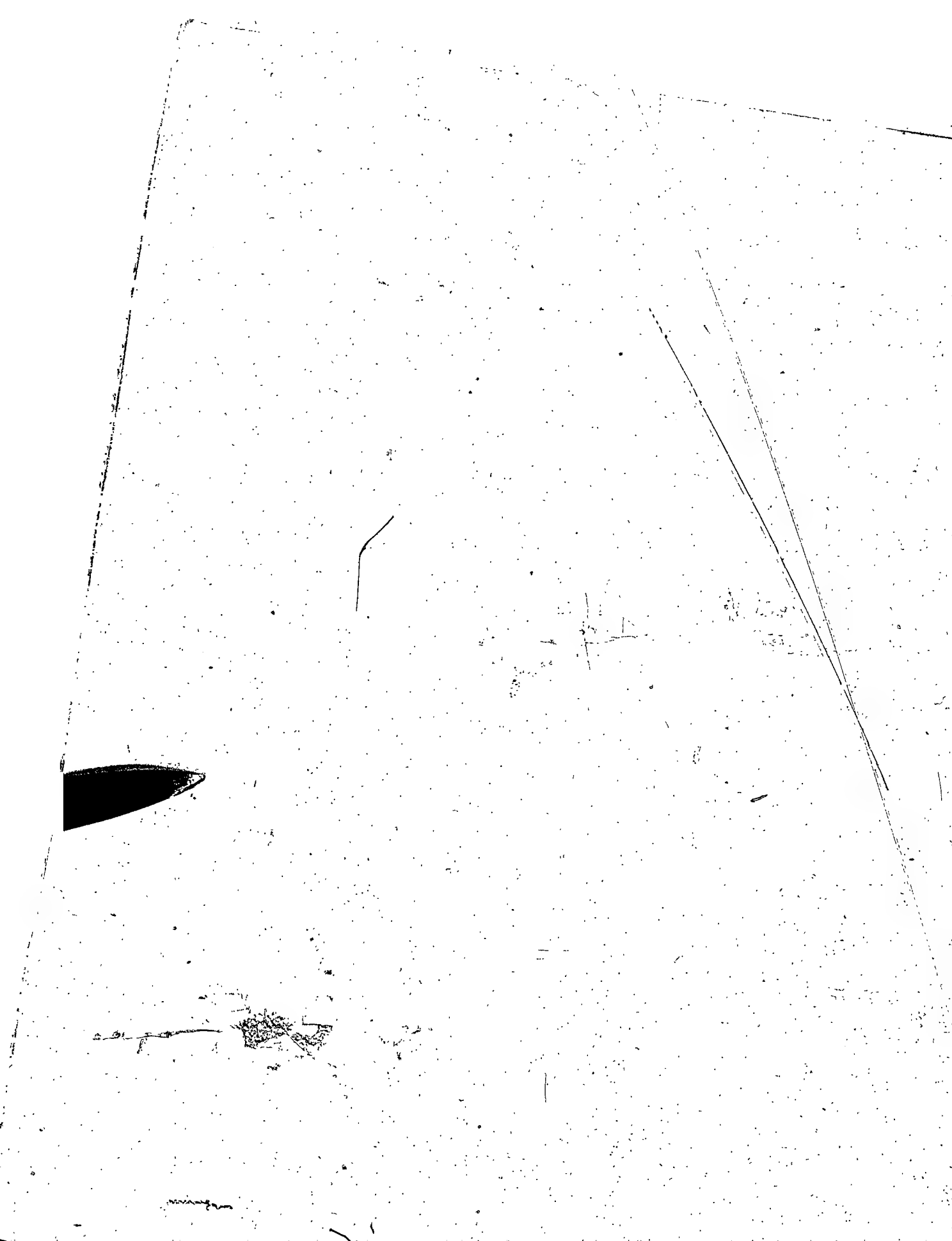
One would like to tell of the outstanding efforts made by members, groups, and circles, but space does not permit. One example only must suffice. Three members of the family of Mrs. J. Hunter designed a quilt on which they sewed the names of the church members and friends. A charge of ten cents was made for each name. The final result of this effort and enterprise is one of the most beautiful quilts that could be made, a permanent roll of contributors, a donation to the fund of one hundred dollars and a gift to the Minister which will be a constant reminder of a great achievement and an inspiration for years to come.

The Committee will continue its work until the objective is attained, viz: St. Giles free from debt and restored to its original beauty.

Thus it has been our great privilege to have a part in the completion of a mighty undertaking and we salute those great souls who from 1906 so courageously planned and so faithfully carried out the building of this noble edifice. But St. Giles is more than a building, it is a spirit, a tradition, a memory, an inspiration, a testimony to the love of God and the power of the Gospel; it is a challenge to us all to go forward and fulfil the true mission of the church in this community.

May God give us grace to use the sixty years that have gone as stepping stones to higher things, and may the Lord our God be with us as He was with our fathers.

"Happiness is the perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself."





Opening of the Diamond Jubilee Campaign, January 20th, 1944, when \$2,000.00 was paid or pledged to the Mortgage Fund. Many of those in the above picture have been members of St. Giles for over thirty years.

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"It is never too soon to get ready to do a great task."



Excerpts from Mr. J. S. Mowat's Book of Records:

In looking over Mr. J. S. Mowat's notes where he has preserved the records of St. Giles since its organization as a congregation, most valuable information for future generations of St. Giles, it is interesting to follow the gradual growth of the church from primitive, pioneer days to the present year. An interim session was appointed by Presbytery in 1888, consisting of Rev. D. B. Whimster, minister, and two elders from Knox Church, Mr. James D. Conklin, clerk of Knox session and Mr. George D. MacVicar.

The beautiful organ in the edifice was installed in 1913 at a cost of \$5,870. Twenty-eight of those who subscribed money towards the cost of the organ are still members of St. Giles. In 1908 the original mortgage was placed on the church property; it was for \$27,500. By 1925 it had been reduced to \$18,500. In 1934 it was down to \$12,000. In November, 1944, the debt was wiped out and the mortgage burned.

The contract for the church building exclusive of furnishings and the organ was approved at a meeting of the congregation April 1, 1907, the motion being moved by Mr. Cyrus McBean, seconded by Mr. Geo. Mitchell. The total cost was \$35,364, which included plumbing \$2,600; electric fixtures and leaded glass \$1,475; painting \$1,430.

The forward movement of the Presbyterian Church in 1920 allocated St. Giles \$6,300. The congregation subscribed \$8,385 and in the next five years paid \$6,468.28.

There are seven members of the 1944 congregation who can trace their connections with St. Giles back in 1888. These are—Mrs. A. H. Bears, February, 1890; J. S. Mowat, January, 1891; Mrs. P. Lamb, October, 1892; Mrs. Janet Smith, July, 1894; Mr. Wm. Carder, March, 1899; Mrs. A. Munshaw, July, 1903; Mrs. James Ross, October, 1903.

Dr. Duncan McLeod, for many years in the Formosa Mission Field, now minister of St. Vital United Church, was a member of St. Giles Church from 1898 to 1901, previous to leaving for China.

Mr. Jno. McLean, Barrister of Winnipeg, Manitoba's first Rhodes Scholar, was in Mr. J. S. Mowat's Sunday School class in St. Giles.

This Booklet is issued by the Publicity Committee of the Diamond Jubilee General Committee, Mr. J. J. Conklin, Convener, to help preserve the long and honored tradition of St. Giles, and as an incentive to posterity to continue the work so faithfully and devotedly carried on in the past sixty years.

One of the most pleasant recollections of St. Giles congregation was the night they honored Dr. W. A. MacLean who had been Minister for 23 years, and members of his family. It was before a large congregational gathering on June 28, 1928. His Worship the Mayor, Lieut-Col. Dan McLean did the honors, presenting to Dr. MacLean a purse of \$600.00 reading an illuminated address expressing the appreciation of the members for the service the minister had given them over a period of nearly a quarter of a century. Mrs. P. Dawes gave Mrs. MacLean a bouquet of roses and Miss M. Hutcheson presented Billy MacLean with a tricycle.

"The Church is a crusade and every member counts."



Work among the Youth

In keeping with the needs of the day, St. Giles plans to give increasing attention to its organization to serve the youth of the congregation and community.

The Sunday School, under the good work of its general superintendent, "Mel." J. Rourke, and beginners' superintendent, Miss Winnie Clark, and a faithful staff of teachers and officers is making steady progress and the enrollment is building up.

Among the week-night activities are the Cubs under Miss Mabel Weir, who is rendering signal service to the younger boys. The Scouts are under the efficient leadership of Mr. Jas. A. Pittis, who is laying the foundation again for good scouting in our district.

Miss Alice Davis, assisted by Mrs. E. Leder and Miss E. Cunningham, has just taken over the work of the C.G.I.T. program among the junior and intermediate girls. This is a work which promises to grow.

The Mission Band is organized under Mrs. Geo. Catlin which meets during the morning service on the first Sunday of each month. This has been a happy solution to the problem of acquiring leadership for week-day meetings.

In the Autumn of 1943 the Young Peoples Union was re-organized and Miss Erna Zoller was made the first president and under her presidency a very successful year has been enjoyed. Among the accomplishments was the winning of the Cup for North Winnipeg and the Shield for all Winnipeg in the last season's drama competition open to all Y.P.U. groups of Greater Winnipeg. Miss Norrie Duthie directed the play entitled "Foot Prints." With new members enrolling another successful year is in view.

Flight Officer Colin Hay who was active in St. Giles Sunday School and a member of the choir received the highest praise from senior officers on November 3, 1944, for bringing a squadron bomber safely back to base after the pilot was seriously wounded. FO. Hay seized control of the plane and with skill and courage landed his bomber and all the crew safely on the ground, although at one time on the trip all aboard were ready to bale out. Colin has three brothers also in Canada's Armed Forces, who attended St. Giles Sunday School.

"I SHALL MEET TOMORROW BRAVELY"

I shall meet tomorrow bravely,

I am stronger now,

The disappointments that befell me
Strengthened me somehow.

The dawn shall find my face uplifted,

Serene, in the sun,

And with Him my problems sifted,

One by one.

—Sybil Leonard Armes.

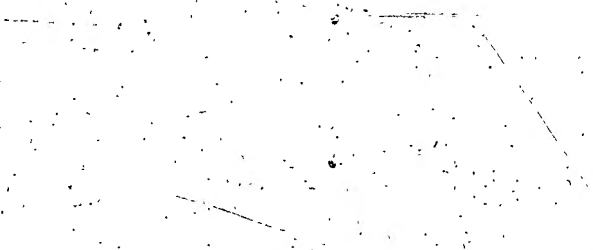
"Every member caring means every member sharing."



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"JUBILEE" HYMN

1. Saviour, blessed Saviour,
Listen while we sing,
Hearts and voices raising
Praises to our King;
All we have to offer,
All we hope to be,
Body, soul, and spirit,
All we yield to Thee.

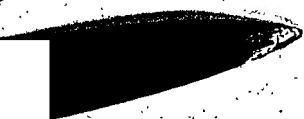
2. Nearer, ever nearer,
Christ, we draw to Thee,
Deep in adoration
Bending low the knee.
Thou for our redemption
Cam'st on earth to die;
Thou, that we might follow,
Hast gone up on high.

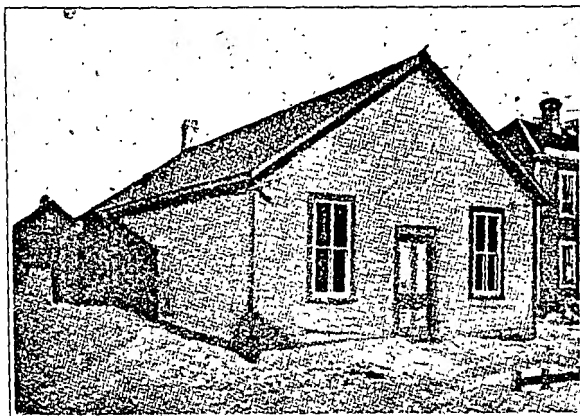
3. Clearer still and clearer
Dawns the light from heaven,
In our sadness bringing
News of sins forgiven;
Life has lost its shadows,
Pure the light within;
Thou hast shed Thy radiance
On a world of sin.

4. Onward, ever onward,
Journeying o'er the road
Worn by saints before us,
Journeying on to God,
Leaving all behind us,
May we hasten on,
Backward never looking
Till the prize is won. Amen.

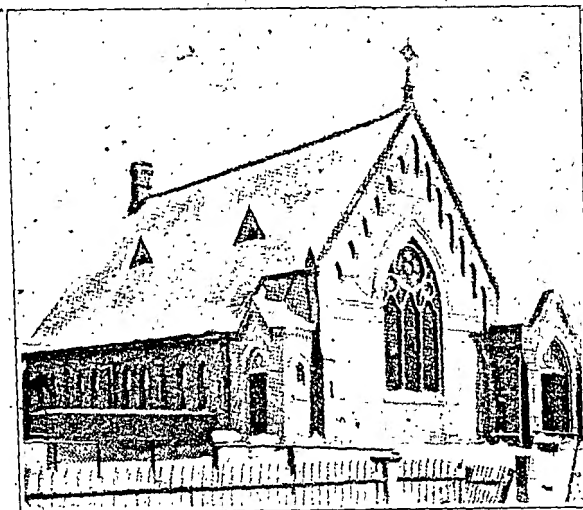
G. Thring, 1823-1903.

"God gives Himself to you when you give yourself to Him."





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